

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PONTA DELGADA 0480

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, PO  
SUBJECT: SEPARATIST BOOBY-TRAP SLIGHTLY INJURES PORTUGUESE  
MILITARY OFFICIALS

REF: PONTA DELGADA 0479

THE FOLLOWING CABLE FROM COMUSFORAZ IS REPEATED FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION:

QUOTE

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RUEHCR/AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA  
C O N F I D E N T I A L//N03800//  
BOOBYTRAPPED SEPARATIST FLAG DETONATES AND CAUSES MINOR INJURY (U)  
1. (C) AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 LOCAL TIME ON 3 AUGUST, THREE INDIVI-  
DUALS(PORTUGUESE CITIZENS), INCLUDING THE COMMANDER OF THE NATO  
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POL DEPOT IN PONTA DELGADA, WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED AND HOSPITALIZED  
FOR A SHORT PERIOD, WHEN AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, PROBABLY SET BY THE  
FLA, DETONATED. THE EXPLOSIVE CHARGE HAD BEEN EMPLACED IN A  
STRUCTURE UPON WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED AN AZOREAN SEPARATIST FLAG.  
THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (PRESUMABLY OF A PIPEBOMB VARIETY) WAS  
TRIGGERED WHEN AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO REMOVE THE FLAG. THE  
LOCATION OF THE BOOBYTRAPPED SUPPORT WAS NEAR THE PORTUGUESE

NAVY PIERS IN PONTA DELGADA. A DAY OR TWO PREVIOUSLY,

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A SEPARATIST FLAG HAD BEEN DISCOVERED AT ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE  
PORT AREA BUT HAD BEEN REMOVED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE BOOBYTRAPPED  
FLAG HAD APPARENTLY BEEN IMPLANTED BY THE FLA TO DISCOURAGE THE  
AUTHORITIES FROM REMOVING A VISIBLE SYMBOL THAT SEPARATISM AS  
A CAUSE IS NOT DEAD IN THE AZORES.

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